

Run #2152 Monday 20th July, Zach Willsher, Benfleet

Hares:- Zipper & Frogman

Well today's hash is a special birthday hash – put on by the birthday boy Zipper, who will be 80 years young tomorrow! Along with Zipper, we are also celebrating the birthdays of Fergus who is 82 today, Fag After who is 65 tomorrow, and AGO who is 73 on Friday – Congratulations to them all!!

Before the hash could begin, we had to park – which was a problem as the car park was full of parents and children on a post school booze up! Anyway – by hook & by crook most of us seemed to find a space somewhere, although the Count seemed to be some distance away!! (Get here earlier!!).

Once we circled up – we numbered 35 – which is quite a good number in recent times, we had a few returnees – and also 2 virgins. Frogman and Zipper went through the run information and we were on our way, along the streets of Benfleet. Fourplay thought we were doing the usual route to the church, so at the first check sent everyone that way – when in fact we went the other way – as Frogman had decided we wouldn't do the same route as last time!

It wasn't long before the pack headed into the woods, led by Ever-ready & William – leading the 'oldies' along the trails! We reached the beer stop, "by the old oak tree", and luckily there was enough beer and water for everyone!

We then went across the playing fields, between the cricket match, the football training and the model cars, and finally came back out into the streets again – and then wound our way back to the pub.

Once back at the still busy pub, Sooty had grabbed a few tables for us outside. The pub food was then delivered, a nice spread of sandwiches and bits & bobs. Then it was time for the down-downs, first of all – the birthday gang, then William, Ever-ready & the newbies (Alex & Paul). Small Prick got one for front running, Vicky got one for his 'hair' (again!), Frogman & Zipper for a great trail, Heapo for literally following the Heaps of cr*p, Windsock for his dodgy car parking, Digger for 'being young once', Tops for being there, One Erection for being there, Dr Deaf for not assisting Sir Casey in his hour of need, Liq Allsorts & Arse over Tits for not wearing hash gear (especially being the haber-dasher!), and Zipper again – to thank Sooty for making him a birthday cake(!)!.

A great evening was had by all – catching up with everyone and having a good laugh in the evening sunshine. Hope all the birthday folk enjoy their actual days!

On! On!

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